GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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UTILISATION OF WAGONS AND RAKES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some wagons and rakes are lying unused in each Zone;

(b) if so, whether despite these unused wagons/rakes, the Government propose to purchase some more wagons/rakes; and

(c) if so, the reasons thereof?

Answer

Minister of the State in the Ministry of Railways (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (c) Presently there are no wagons or rakes lying idle. The demand for movement of freight traffic on the Railways is a derived demand. This demand is generated mainly by the key infrastructure sectors of the economy which may fluctuate on day to day, period to period and seasonal basis. The railways have also to cater for peak demand. Therefore wagons may idle temporarily due to demand fluctuation.

The Railways have proposed procurement of wagons to meet the expected growth in freight traffic.